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SUBJECT: HAITIAN PERM REP COMMENTS ON NARCOTICS INTERDICTION
EFFORT AND UN ROLE

1. AT LUNCH ON DECEMBER 19, HAITIAN PERM REP CHARLES EXPRESSED THE GOH'S INTEREST IN INCREASING NARCOTICS INTERDICTION EFFORTS IN HAITI AND IN OBTAINING MEDIUM-SIZE PATROL BOATS FOR THIS PURPOSE. CHARLES EXPLAINED THAT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING PARTS FOR HAITI'S SWIFT BOATS IS ONE REASON FOR INTEREST IN SURPLUS NAVY PATROL CRAFT. IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF'S COMMENT ON THE RECENT EXAMPLE OF EFFECTIVE US-HAITIAN COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS INTERDICTION AT MOL SAN NICHOLAS, CHARLES SUGGESTED THAT AN AGREEMENT ON SUCH COOPERATION MIGHT MEET HAITIAN INTERDICTION REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT THE COST OF PURCHASING AND MAINTAINING PATROL BOATS. MISOFF PROMISED TO REPORT THE SUGGESTION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF'S COMMENT THAT HAITI'S POSITION ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES HAD CHANGED CONSIDERABLY FROM THE 31ST GA, CHARLES AGREED. HE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS HAD ADOPTED A MORE "PROGRESSIVE" STANCE AND GREATER INTEREST IN DECOLONIZATION QUESTIONS FOLLOWING HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE. CHARLES
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ADDED THAT IN CONTRAST TO HIS PREDECESSOR'S LACK OF INTEREST IN MANY ISSUES, CHARLES WAS SEEKING TO STUDY EACH ISSUE AND MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO BRUTUS ON HOW HAITI SHOULD VOTE. MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE GOH'S VOTE SUCH AS OPPOSING THE DELETION OF AN UNWARRANTED CONDEMNATION OF NATO MEMBERS IN A THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WERE THE CAUSE OF SOME CONCERN. CHARLES EXPLAINED THAT HE

HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME IN NEW YORK AT THE 32ND GA BECAUSE OF OTHER DUTIES BUT THAT HE WOULD BE GIVING THESE ISSUES VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT GA, AT WHICH HAITI WOULD PLAY AN EVEN MORE ACTIVE ROLE.

3. REFERRING TO THE RECENT NEREE INCIDENT, CHARLES SAID THAT PRESIDENT DUVALIER REGRETTED IT VERY MUCH AND THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD COMMENTED TO CHARLES ABOUT THE ADVERSE EFFECTS THAT IT COULD HAVE ON US PUBLIC OPINION. CHARLES SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GOH IS WILLING TO PROSECUTE THE OFFENDERS BUT THAT NEREE DOES NOT WISH TO PRESS CHARGES.
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